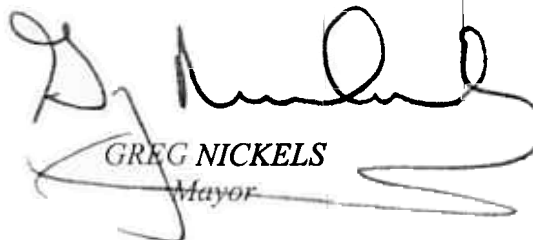


PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is proud to be the home of ethnically, culturally and racially diverse people who live and work here, contributing to our strength and vitality; and*
- WHEREAS, the City of Seattle embraces legal equality and fair treatment for all residents and values the contributions and personal dignity of all people; and*
- WHEREAS, since 1975, the citizens of Seattle have been legally protected from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and protection on the basis of gender identity since 1999; and*
- WHEREAS, the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities have been advocates for the equal rights of all people, have spoken out against intolerance and discrimination and are determined to break down the walls of fear and prejudice in our city; and*
- WHEREAS, in 2006, the Washington Legislature made history by preventing discrimination of LGBT people in employment, housing, public accommodations and credit transactions; and*
- WHEREAS, in June, 2006, family, friends and neighbors will join together to honor and recognize the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities for their leadership and accomplishments, and to participate in the many festivities of Pride Week, including the Pride Parade on June 25; and*
- WHEREAS, 2006 marks the 32nd Anniversary of the Pride Celebration in Seattle; and*
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY J. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Seattle, do hereby proclaim June, 2006 to be*

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in Seattle, and encourage all citizens to join me in celebrating the spirit and dedication of this extraordinary community.


GREG NICKELS
Mayor

